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INTRODUCTION

The Upper Cook Inlet fisheries management area consists of that portion of Cook Inlet north of the latitude of Anchor Point. The area currently supports commercial fisheries for salmon, herring and razor clams. The salmon fishery targets primarily on sockeye salmon and produces approximately five percent of the statewide salmon harvest. A minor herring fishery, presently closed to rebuild depressed stocks, for both sac roe and bait has contributed less than one percent to the total Alaska harvest while the razor clam harvest annually comprises about sixty percent of the state's production.

Upper Cook Inlet is divided into two districts (Central and Northern) which are further divided into numerous subdistricts (Figure 1). Five species of Pacific salmon are harvested in significant numbers in Upper Cook Inlet as they migrate to their streams of origin. The river systems responsible for the majority of salmon production include the Kenai River, Kasilof River, Susitna River and Crescent River. Run timing characteristics and migration routes utilized by various species and stocks are such that the commercial harvest is largely mixed-stock and mixed-species in nature.

With one minor exception, gill nets are the only legal gear for harvesting salmon in Upper Cook Inlet. Set gill nets (approximately 750 permits) are employed around virtually the entire perimeter of the inlet while drift gill nets (approximately 585 permits) are used principally in the offshore areas of the Central District. Seine gear is permitted only in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict and only by emergency order. Base fishing time for all gear types and areas is two twelve-hour periods (Mondays and Fridays, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) weekly.

Commercial harvest records exist for Cook Inlet back to 1893, although separate catch records for Upper and Lower Cook Inlet are available only back to 1954 (Table 1). Historically, set gill nets and traps were the only gear employed in the Upper Cook Inlet fishery. The use of drift gill nets did not become widespread until the early 50's. Since then their use has expanded steadily and this gear type now accounts for about 60 percent of the annual salmon harvest (Appendix A.1-6). Traps were outlawed at statehood.

In terms of economic value, sockeye salmon are by far the most important species, generally representing over 80 percent of the exvessel value of the annual salmon catch. The economic significance of the remaining species varies with their respective abundance.

REGULATION CHANGES TAKING EFFECT WITH THE 1993 SEASON

The Alaska Board of Fisheries, meeting in Anchorage in November, 1992, adopted a number of regulation changes that took effect beginning with the 1993 fishing season: (1) The Board adopted the Department's recommendation to allow commercial herring fishing in any part of Upper Cook Inlet only by emergency order. Due to the depressed state of Upper Cook Inlet herring stocks, no fishery was anticipated for at least several years. (2) The Board made several

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amendments to the Big River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. The season opening date was changed from May 25 to June 1. Fishing was allowed each Monday, Wednesday and Friday through June 24 or until 1,000 chinook salmon were estimated to have been harvested or conservation concerns for either sockeye or chinook salmon caused a reduction in fishing periods by emergency order. The maximum mesh size of gill nets was increased to 5 1/2 inches. The "no net may be fished seaward of another net" provision was eliminated. The closed waters description for this fishery was amended to read as follows: those waters within one statute mile of the high water terminus of Kustatan and Drift Rivers, within 500 yards of the high water terminus of Bachatna and Montana Bill Creeks, within one statute mile of Big River or in the freshwater portions of any anadromous fish stream. The wording regarding Big River was constructed to prevent fishing within one mile of the mouth of Big River at any tidal stage. As the mouth of the river changes with the tide, the one mile protected area will move with the river mouth. (3) A Packers Creek Sockeye Salmon Management Plan was adopted that limited fishing time in the Kalgin Island Subdistrict directed at harvesting surpluses of Packers Creek sockeye salmon to no more than one additional 12-hour fishing period a week. (4) All references to Susitna River chinook salmon in the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan were changed to read "Northern District chinook salmon". Fishing time in the Northern District after August 15 was limited to a maximum of the regular Monday and Friday fishing periods. (5) The closed waters area at the Kenai River mouth was redefined to prohibit the use of drift gill nets inside of the set nets closest to the river. (6) Set net buoy stickers would no longer be required for any area except the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District (the east side set nets). (7) All set net fishermen were required to register prior to fishing for one of three areas of Cook Inlet: the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District, the Northern District, or all remaining areas of Cook Inlet. Once registered for one of these three areas, fishermen could fish only in the area for which they are registered for the remainder of the year. No transfers are permitted. The Fish Creek fishery in Knik Arm is exempt from the registration restrictions - fishermen registered in any area of Cook Inlet may participate in the Knik Arm fishery. (8) Drift gillnetting after August 15 would now be permitted only in the Kustatan, Western and Chinitna Bay Subdistricts and within one mile of the western shoreline in the Lower Subdistrict. (9) Beginning June 25, closed waters in that area along the west side of Cook Inlet from the northern boundary of the Central District south to Harriet Point would be as follows: those waters within one statute mile of the terminus, at mean high water, of the Kustatan, Drift, and Big rivers, or within 500 yards of the terminus, at mean high water, of all other anadromous streams, or within 900 feet of the stream bed or channel of an anadromous fish stream throughout the intertidal portion of that stream out to the mean lower low water mark.

REVIEW OF THE 1993, 1994 AND 1995 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES

The 1993 commercial harvest of 5.3 million salmon in Upper Cook Inlet was above the long-term average catch of 4 million but a severe drop from the record harvest of 10.6 million set the previous year. The harvest was valued at approximately \$29.9 million, a 70% drop from 1992 (Table 2).

The 1994 harvest of 5.0 million salmon was somewhat above the long-term average and down just slightly from the previous year's catch. The harvest was valued at \$34.4 million.

The 1995 commercial harvest of 4.1 million salmon in Upper Cook Inlet was just slightly above the long-term average. The harvest was valued at approximately \$22 million, about two-thirds the value of the previous year and the lowest value since 1991.

Sockeye Salmon

The 1993 commercial sockeye salmon harvest of 4.8 million fish was the seventh highest on record but only half of the preceding year's catch and approximately double the long-term average. Valued at \$28 million, the sockeye salmon harvest comprised 93.6% of the value of the total commercial salmon fishery. The distribution of the catch between drift gear (54%) and set net gear (46%) differed only slightly from the long-term average (58% drift).

The harvest of 3.6 million sockeye salmon in 1994 was the tenth highest on record and approximately 50% above the long-term average. The sockeye catch was valued at \$29.4 million or 85.5% of the value of the total salmon fishery. Drift gill net gear accounted for 53% of the catch with set gear taking 47%.

The 1995 sockeye salmon harvest of 2.95 million was well above the long-term average but the third lowest catch since 1981. Valued at \$19.2 million, the sockeye salmon harvest comprised 87% of the value of the total commercial salmon fishery. The distribution of the catch between drift gear (60.3%) and set net gear (39.7%) differed only slightly from the long-term average (57.6% drift).

Management of the Upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon fishery integrates information received from a variety of programs which together provide an in-season model of the actual return. These programs include offshore test fishing, escapement enumeration by sonar and weir, comparative analysis of historic commercial harvest and effort levels, and age composition studies. In addition, newly developed programs are beginning to provide useful information with one program utilizing sonar to estimate the abundance of salmon in the Central District and another program using genetic differences between stocks of sockeye salmon to estimate the relative contribution by stock to commercial catches. At present, both new programs provide limited information inseason.

The offshore test fishing program employs a chartered gill net vessel fishing standardized stations along a transect crossing Cook Inlet from Anchor Point to the Red River delta. The program provides an in-season estimation of sockeye salmon run-strength by determining fish passage rates (computed by correlating the vessel's daily catch with subsequent commercial harvests and escapement) and fitting these rates to the appropriate historic run-timing profile.

Hydroacoustic devices to quantify salmon escapement into glacial rivers were first employed in Upper Cook Inlet in the Kenai and Kasilof rivers in 1968, expanded to the Susitna River in 1978 and the Crescent River in 1979 (Table 3). The Susitna River escapement is monitored by sonar in the Yentna River tributary only due to technical problems with obtaining satisfactory estimates within the mainstem Susitna. The Yentna River escapement goal of 100,000 to 150,000 sockeye salmon was established based on the historical proportion of the total Susitna River escapement utilizing this tributary. Weirs placed on Fish Creek and Packers Creek provide daily escapement counts for those systems.

Upper Cook Inlet commercial catch statistics refined to gear type, area and date are available back to 1966. Availability of these statistics in a computerized database format make them extremely valuable for evaluating in-season fishery performance.

Inseason determination of the age composition of sockeye salmon entering the principal rivers frequently provides information helpful in estimating the stock contributions in various fisheries.

Upper Cook Inlet's commercial sockeye salmon fishery consists of several identifiable component fisheries with the principal component being the July harvest of mixed returns to the Kenai, Kasilof and Susitna Rivers and chiefly involving the drift gill net fishery, the Central District east side set nets and the set net fishery in the Northern District. Peripheral fisheries include the set net harvest of Big River sockeye in June, additional focused set net harvest of Fish Creek sockeye in Knik Arm in late July, and the Western Subdistrict set net fishery targeting the Crescent River run throughout July.

The Big River fishery in the Kustatan Subdistrict was established by the Board starting with the 1989 season under a separate management plan and was designed to provide for a commercial harvest of an early return of sockeye that had previously had only minimal exploitation. The management plan was substantially altered by the Board following the 1992 season. These alterations all worked much as envisioned. The incidental chinook harvest, capped at 1,000 fish, dropped significantly from levels chronically near the cap to an average of just over 300. The drop can be attributed to the delay in the start of the season from May 25 to June 1, adoption of area registration by the Board that limited participation to local fishermen more interested in the long-term future of this fishery and also to reduced strength of the chinook returns passing through this area. Sockeye catches for the 1993-95 period ranged from the highest on record for this fishery (15,193 in 1993) to the lowest (3,124 in 1994).

A set gill net fishery operating under a separate management plan was authorized by the Board beginning in 1987 in the waters of Knik Arm at the northern extreme of the Upper Cook Inlet management area. The fishery was created to allow greater harvest of the hatchery-augmented return of sockeye salmon to Fish Creek. Beginning with the 1991 season the fishery was altered to include an earlier ending date (July 26 rather than July 29) and changed from a continuously open fishery when the escapement goal appeared to be assured to twice weekly fishing periods beginning July 15. These changes were made to reduce the harvest of incidentally taken coho salmon while maintaining a reasonably effective sockeye harvest. Sockeye catches during the

last three seasons have varied considerably, ranging from a near-record 47,751 in 1993 to a record low 7,528 in 1994. Fish arrived in the area early and in extremely large numbers in 1993 while poor juvenile production from the parent-year of the 1994 return prompted closure of all but a single period. Coho salmon catches varied somewhat but were consistently well below the level observed under the original structure of the fishery. Despite the targeted commercial fishery and an intense personal use dip net fishery within the creek, escapements of sockeye in all years were far in excess of the goal.

While run-timing of sockeye salmon bound for Crescent River is similar to other major stocks, the location of the river in the southwestern portion of the Central District leads to a more isolated harvest and allows for a more focused single-stock management approach. In general, fishery adjustments based on Crescent River sockeye are confined to the Western Subdistrict set net fishery. After a number of years of record-level production through the mid-1980's, the Crescent River run has taken a severe downturn for unknown reasons. The period from 1993-1995 saw consistently poor returns requiring closure of the set net fishery for extended periods of time. When even this action proved inadequate for achieving desired escapement levels, management measures taken in 1995 were expanded into a significant portion of the drift fishery (closing the southwest corner of the Central District) and were successful in meeting the escapement goal.

The preseason forecast for the 1993 sockeye harvest was 2.5 million, far below the 1992 harvest, and based largely on expected diminished returns to the Kenai River. When drift catches prior to mid-July indicated the Kenai run was considerably above forecast levels, management concerns were focused primarily on assuring that adequate numbers of sockeye were passed through the commercial fishery to achieve the Yentna River goal. To achieve this, a drift period scheduled for July 9 was essentially closed, a drift period on July 16 was restricted to the lower 40% of the Central District and a Northern District set net period on July 23 was closed. The Yentna River escapement totaled nearly 142,000, near the upper end of the desired range. The drift restrictions inevitably resulted in large surpluses of Kenai-bound fish reaching the east side beaches and many extra hours of fishing time were opened for the east side set nets and for drifting confined to within three miles of the east side beach. The Kenai sonar count of 814,000 exceeded the 700,000 fish upper end of the desired range. The Kasilof River count of 150,000 matched the lower end of goal range.

The 1994 sockeye salmon harvest was forecast to be 2.0 million, again due to expected diminished returns to the Kenai River. Management measures followed a pattern similar to the previous year with the drift period scheduled for July 11 closed to provide for reduced exploitation of Susitna-bound sockeye, the July 18 period restricted to the southern half of the Central District for the same reason, and the July 22 period closed in drift fishery, the Northern District set net fishery and most of the east side set net fishery to reduce harvest of both Susitna and Kenai sockeye where escapement was lagging. As escapement improved, first in the Kenai and followed by the Susitna, an additional drift period was permitted on July 27 and an additional set net period in the Northern District on August 3. As the Kenai River quickly achieved its' escapement goal, considerable amounts of additional fishing time was permitted in the east side

set net fishery and for drifting in the east corridor. A two-day hiatus in this fishing at the direction of the Commissioner of ADF&G resulted in the peak of Kenai River sonar count occurring on August 2, by far the latest on record, and greatly contributed to the final count of 1,003,000, well in excess of the goal. The Yentna River count totaled 128,000 or near the middle of the goal range while the Kasilof River count of 205,000 also fell in the middle of the desired range. The season's catch of 3.6 million nearly doubled the preseason forecast.

With a preseason forecast of 2.7 million sockeye, the management outlook for the 1995 season again included a limited drift fishery to reduce Susitna sockeye exploitation and dealing with resulting Kenai and Kasilof River surpluses along the Central District east side. Accordingly, the drift period scheduled for July 14 was restricted to the eastside corridor (given the date, essentially a closure) and the Northern District set net period on July 24 was closed when adequate Yentna escapement appeared uncertain. Substantial additional fishing time was permitted for the east side set nets, first for the southern inshore nets to harvest Kasilof-bound fish and later for all gear including the drift corridor. Escapements for all systems were well within desired ranges. The season's harvest of 2.95 million fish was just slightly above the forecast.

Chum Salmon

Chum salmon returning to Upper Cook Inlet are bound principally for the Susitna River with much smaller returns bound for a number of other Northern District streams and along the west side of the Central District. The harvest occurs primarily in the drift fishery (87%), the Northern District set net fishery (6%) and the Central District west side set net fishery (6%). The timing of the Susitna River return significantly overlaps the timing of the sockeye salmon returns and as a result, management measures directed at sockeye salmon often influence the chum salmon harvest. The Susitna River chum salmon escapement is not measured and no escapement objectives are defined.

The 1993-95 harvests of 123,000, 300,000 and 530,000 chum salmon ranged from one of the poorest harvests on record to just slightly below average. Upper Cook Inlet's chum salmon stocks are following a pattern of recent reduced productivity common to most other Southcentral stocks. The poor catches combined with very low prices resulted in exvessel values averaging less than 3% of the total value of the fishery. While no emergency order actions taken in the commercial fishery were solely directed at chum salmon, they frequently played a role in formulating the overall harvest strategy used in the drift fishery. The current low value of chum salmon offers a strong financial disincentive for fishermen who might otherwise have expended effort on this species. Generally, when chum salmon concentrations are encountered, fishermen quickly move to areas offering a better mix of more valuable sockeye salmon. Where drift gillnetters frequently fished the late season primarily for chum salmon, currently effort drops to very low levels after the sockeye run is complete and remaining fishermen focus efforts on local coho salmon stocks along the west side of the Central District. While no means exists to enumerate escapement of the main populations of chum salmon, indicators such as the Yentna

River fishwheel index, Little Susitna River weir counts, and the relative measure of passage provided by the magnitude of the Northern District set net fishery harvest all point to somewhat reduced but still substantial numbers of chum salmon reaching freshwater.

Pink Salmon

Returns to the Susitna and Kenai Rivers combine to account for the majority of the pink salmon production in Upper Cook Inlet. Both rivers have abundant returns only in even-numbered years. Susitna pink salmon return first, passing through the Central District during the latter half of July while Kenai-bound pink salmon are most abundant in the Central District in early August. The harvest occurs principally in the drift fishery (39%), the Central District east side set net fishery (35%) and the Northern District set net fishery (22%).

The Susitna pink salmon return overlaps the sockeye salmon return to such a large degree that harvest levels are often influenced by management measures directed at sockeye salmon. Specific fishery alterations directed at Susitna River pink salmon are uncommon. Kenai River pink salmon are harvested most heavily in the Central District east side set fishery beginning in early August. Fishing time in this area after early August is typically controlled by the relative strength of the pink salmon return. Estimating the escapement of pink salmon has not proven practical in either system and specific escapement objectives do not exist.

The 1994 pink salmon return produced a harvest of 520,000 fish, about half the long-term average for an even-numbered year, and with a price of just \$.12 per pound, accounted for only 0.7% of the value of the salmon fishery. The Susitna River pink salmon run was apparently damaged by the severe flooding of the drainage in the fall of 1986 and that factor combined with environmental conditions that have lead to poor pink salmon production throughout much of southcentral Alaska have substantially reduced the Susitna River return. A complete lack of directed effort to harvest Susitna-bound pink salmon has thus far obviated any need for specific fishery restrictions. The escapement in 1994 was subjectively judged to be poor.

The 1994 Kenai River pink salmon return, as indicated by daily harvest levels in the eastside set net fishery, was also below average, although not as poor as the Susitna return. Lack of substantial effort following the sockeye salmon return resulted in an escapement level that appeared to be fair to good.

Coho Salmon

For discussion purposes, it is useful to divide Upper Cook Inlet's diverse coho salmon stocks impacted by the commercial fishery into three broad categories. The first category contains those stocks bound principally for the Susitna River, migrating through the Central District during the last three weeks of July. The Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan identifies Susitna River coho salmon as a stock which should have a minimized commercial interception, to the extent

consistent with other goals established within the plan. While simple in concept, this directive is much more difficult to implement in practice. The management plan identifies a higher priority for the sustained commercial harvest of sockeye, chum and pink salmon stocks, many of which are bound for the same streams at similar times and along similar pathways utilized by Susitna River coho salmon stocks. Consequently, these stocks are normally exploited at fairly significant levels in the commercial drift and the Northern District set net fisheries. It is occasionally possible to time fishery closures aimed principally at stock conservation of sockeye salmon to take advantage of peaks in abundance of coho salmon but such opportunities arise too infrequently to consistently advance the plan's objectives.

The second category of interest is the early return of coho salmon to the Kenai River which peaks in abundance in early August and is intercepted in both the drift and east side set net fisheries. The allocation status is the same as for Susitna coho salmon. Due to the overlap with the Kenai River sockeye salmon return, it is difficult to avoid a substantial interception of this stock in the commercial fishery.

The third stock grouping consists of a diverse collection of coho salmon returns to the numerous streams along the west side of Cook Inlet and Northern District streams other than the Susitna River. Under the management plan, these stocks are managed primarily for commercial uses although fishing time in the Northern District is restricted to only regular fishing periods after August 15 to limit the harvest of coho. Fishing time in the west side set net fisheries after mid-August is based primarily on the strength of local coho returns.

The 1993-1995 commercial coho salmon harvests ranged from slightly below average (307,000 in 1993) to well above average (581,000 in 1994) and accounted for approximately 6% of the value of the total salmon harvest. Susitna River freshwater abundance was not directly measured but appeared to range from fair (1994) to excellent (1995). Little Susitna weir counts ranged from 14,296 (1995) to 34,884 (1993). The subjectively-judged abundance of early run Kenai River coho appeared to be in the fair to good range for all three years. The Central District west side coho salmon returns were generally average to above average and fishing in these areas generally produced average catches.

Chinook Salmon

The principal stocks of chinook salmon harvest 1 in the commercial fishery are the return to the Susitna River and the late run to the Kenai River. Created by the Board in 1986 and conducted under the direction of the Northern District Chinook Salmon Management Plan, a minor fishery occurs each June for set gill nets in the Northern District. Each participant is allowed one 35-fathom net and a minimum distance of 1200 feet must be maintained between nets (twice the normal distance). Fishing is permitted for 6 hours each Monday in June until the quota of 12,500 chinook has been harvested or the regular season opens on June 25.

The 1993 Northern District chinook salmon fishery harvested 3,042 chinook salmon, the lowest catch since the inception of the fishery. The principle reason for the reduced harvest was the significantly reduced run-strength of chinook salmon as evidenced by reduced abundance in many rivers and tributaries. The 1994 fishery harvested 3,006 chinook salmon, again largely due to poor run strength. Coupled with widespread sport fishery restrictions, the Northern District commercial fishery was closed for the final scheduled period on June 20. The 1995 fishery, in tandem with further restrictions of the recreational fishery, was limited to a single fishing period on June 5 and produced a catch of 3,837 chinook salmon.

The other major stock of chinook salmon harvested in the commercial fishery, the late run to the Kenai River, generates the greatest controversy in Upper Cook Inlet, pitting Kenai River recreational anglers against Upper Subdistrict ("east side") set netters. The commercial set net fishery catches frequently exceed the sport fish harvest while much smaller numbers are taken in the drift gill net fishery.

The 1993, 1994 and 1995 seasons produced above-average chinook catches in the east side set net fishery of 13,977, 15,885 and 12,302 respectively, due in part to the fairly intense fishing directed at surpluses of Kenai and Kasilof River sockeye salmon and also due to strong chinook returns. Annual total returns of late run chinook during these seasons were measured at 68,000, 72,000 and 60,000, all well above average. The estimated spawning escapements of 34,032, 38,549 and 33,899 were all well above the optimum level of 22,300.

OUTLOOK

The forecasted total return of sockeye salmon to Upper Cook Inlet for 1996 is 4.8 million fish with an expected harvest of 3.3 million, a modest increase over 1995. The total run forecast is comprised of the following components: Crescent River - 144,000, Fish Creek - 233,000, Kasilof River - 650,000, Kenai River 2,517,000, Packers Creek - 117,000, Susitna River - 491,000 and remaining minor systems - 622,000. The projected harvests of other species includes 15,000 chinook, 400,000 coho, 600,000 pink and 350,000 chum salmon.

Table 1. Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon harvest by species, 1954-1995.

| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Tota1 |
|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1054 | 62.700 | 1 207 046 | 221 525 | 2 100 207 | 510,068 | 4,291,626 |
| 1954 | 63,780 | 1,207,046 | 321,525 | 2,189,207 | | |
| 1955 | 45,926 | 1,027,528 | 170,777 | 101,680 | 248,343 | 1,594,254 |
| 1956 | 64,977 | 1,258,789 | 198,189 | 1,595,375 | 782,051 | 3,899,381 |
| 1957 | 42,158 | 643,712 | 125,434 | 21,228 | 1,001,470 | 1,834,002 |
| 1958 | 22,727 | 477,392 | 239,765 | 1,648,548 | 471,697 | 2,860,129 |
| 1959 | 32,651 | 612,676 | 106,312 | 12,527 | 300,319 | 1,064,485 |
| 1960 | 27,512 | 923,314 | 311,461 | 1,411,605 | 659,997 | 3,333,889 |
| 1961 | 19,737 | 1,162,303 | 117,778 | 34,017 | 349,628 | 1,683,463 |
| 1962 | 20,210 | 1,147,573 | 350,324 | 2,711,689 | 970,582 | 5,200,378 |
| 1963 | 17,536 | 942,980 | 197,140 | 30,436 | 387,027 | 1,575,119 |
| 1964 | 4,531 | 970,055 | 452,654 | 3,231,961 | 1,079,084 | 5,738,285 |
| 1965 | 9,741 | 1,412,350 | 153,619 | 23,963 | 316,444 | 1,916,117 |
| 1966 | 8,544 | 1,852,114 | 289,837 | 2,005,745 | 532,756 | 4,688,996 |
| 1967 | 7,859 | 1,380,062 | 177,729 | 32,229 | 296,837 | 1,894,716 |
| 1968 | 4,536 | 1,104,904 | 469,850 | 2,278,197 | 1,119,114 | 4,976,601 |
| 1969 | 12,397 | 692,175 | 100,777 | 33,383 | 269,847 | 1,108,579 |
| 1970 | 8,336 | 732,605 | 275,399 | 814,895 | 776,229 | 2,607,464 |
| 1971 | 19,765 | 636,303 | 100,636 | 35,624 | 327,029 | 1,119,357 |
| 1972 | 16,086 | 879,824 | 80,933 | 628,574 | 630,103 | 2,235,520 |
| 1973 | 5,194 | 670,098 | 104,420 | 326,184 | 667,573 | 1,773,469 |
| 1974 | 6,596 | 497,185 | 200,125 | 483,730 | 396,840 | 1,584,476 |
| 1975 | 4,787 | 684,752 | 227,379 | 336,333 | 951,796 | 2,205,047 |
| 1976 | 10,865 | 1,664,150 | 208,695 | 1,256,728 | 469,802 | 3,610,240 |
| 1977 | 14,790 | 2,052,291 | 192,599 | 553,855 | 1,233,722 | 4,047,257 |
| 1978 | 17,299 | 2,621,421 | 219,193 | 1,688,442 | 571,779 | 5,118,134 |
| 1979 | 13,738 | 924,415 | 265,166 | 72,982 | 650,357 | 1,926,658 |
| 1980 | 13,798 | 1,573,597 | 271,418 | 1,786,430 | 390,675 | 4,035,918 |
| 1981 | 12,240 | 1,439,277 | 484,411 | 127,164 | 833,542 | 2,896,634 |
| 1982 | 20,870 | 3,259,864 | 793,937 | 790,648 | 1,433,866 | 6,299,185 |
| 1983 | 20,634 | 5,049,733 | 516,322 | 70,327 | 1,114,858 | 6,771,874 |
| 1984 | 10,062 | 2,106,714 | 449,993 | 617,452 | 680,726 | 3,864,947 |
| 1985 | 24,088 | 4,060,429 | 667,213 | 87,828 | 772,849 | 5,612,407 |
| 1986 | 39,240 | 4,787,982 | 756,830 | 1,299,360 | 1,134,173 | 8,017,585 |
| 1987 | 39,661 | 9,500,186 | 451,404 | 109,801 | 349,139 | 10,450,191 |
| 1988 | 29,060 | 6,834,342 | 560,022 | 469,972 | 708,573 | 8,601,969 |
| 1989 | 26,742 | 5,010,698 | 339,201 | 67,430 | 122,027 | 5,566,098 |
| 1990 | 16,105 | 3,604,064 | 500,634 | 603,630 | 351,197 | 5,075,630 |
| 1991 | 13,535 | 2,177,576 | 425,724 | 14,663 | 280,223 | 2,911,721 |
| 1992 | 17,171 | 9,108,340 | 468,911 | 695,859 | 274,303 | 10,564,584 |
| 1993 | 18,719 | 4,754,698 | 306,822 | 100,918 | 122,767 | 5,303,924 |
| 1994 | 20,260 | 3,567,392 | 580,567 | 520,481 | 299,300 | 4,988,000 |
| 1995 | 17,857 | 2,951,827 | 446,954 | 133,575 | 529,422 | 4,079,635 |
| Average | 20,531 | 2,332,494 | 325,669 | 739,397 | 604,003 | 4,022,094 |

Table 2. Approximate exvessel value of the Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon harvest by species, 1960-1995.

| Year | Chinook | 8 | Sockeye | 8 | Coho | 9, | Pink | ş | Chum | ş | Total |
|------|-------------|------|---------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1960 | \$140,000 | 5.0 | \$1,334,000 | 47.9 | \$307,000 | 11.0 | \$663,000 | 23.8 | \$343,000 | 12.3 | \$2,787,000 |
| 1961 | \$100,000 | 4.7 | \$1,687,000 | 79.4 | \$118,000 | 5.6 | \$16,000 | 0.8 | \$204,000 | 9.6 | \$2,125,000 |
| 1962 | \$100,000 | 2.5 | \$1,683,000 | 42.3 | \$342,000 | 8.6 | \$1,274,000 | 32.0 | \$582,000 | 14.6 | \$3,981,000 |
| 1963 | \$89,000 | 4.6 | \$1,388,000 | 72.3 | \$193,000 | 10.1 | \$13,000 | 0.7 | \$236,000 | 12.3 | \$1,919,000 |
| 1964 | \$20,000 | 0.5 | \$1,430,000 | 38.9 | \$451,000 | 12.3 | \$1,131,000 | 30.8 | \$646,000 | 17.6 | \$3,678,000 |
| 1965 | \$50,000 | 2.0 | \$2,099,000 | 82.1 | \$109,000 | 4.3 | \$70,000 | 2.7 | \$230,000 | 9.0 | \$2,558,000 |
| 1966 | \$50,000 | 1.2 | \$2,727,000 | 64.4 | \$295,000 | 7.0 | \$823,000 | 19.4 | \$338,000 | 8.0 | \$4,233,000 |
| 1967 | . \$49,000 | 1.9 | \$2,135,000 | 82.6 | \$187,000 | 7.2 | \$13,000 | 0.5 | \$202,000 | 7.8 | \$2,586,000 |
| 1968 | \$30,000 | 0.7 | \$1,758,000 | 40.4 | \$515,000 | 11.8 | \$1,209,000 | 27.8 | \$843,000 | 19.4 | \$4,355,000 |
| 1969 | \$70,000 | 4.3 | \$1,231,000 | 75.2 | \$109,000 | 6.7 | \$23,000 | 1.4 | \$204,000 | 12.5 | \$1,637,000 |
| 1970 | \$49,000 | 1.8 | \$1,135,000 | 42.5 | \$354,000 | 13.3 | \$387,000 | 14.5 | \$745,000 | 27.9 | \$2,670,000 |
| 1971 | \$189,000 | 10.7 | \$1,102,000 | 62.2 | \$143,000 | 8.1 | \$22,000 | 1.2 | \$316,000 | 17.8 | \$1,772,000 |
| 1972 | \$217,000 | 6.3 | \$1,795,000 | 52.0 | \$135,000 | 3.9 | \$473,000 | 13.7 | \$834,000 | 24.1 | \$3,454,000 |
| 1973 | \$122,000 | 2.0 | \$3,214,000 | 52.2 | \$320,000 | 5.2 | \$363,000 | 5.9 | \$2,134,000 | 34.7 | \$6,153,000 |
| 1974 | \$210,000 | 3.2 | \$3,058,000 | 46.5 | \$843,000 | 12.8 | \$946,000 | 14.4 | \$1,521,000 | 23.1 | \$6,578,000 |
| 1975 | \$65,000 | 1.0 | \$2,596,000 | 39.0 | \$821,000 | 12.3 | \$423,000 | 6.4 | \$2,753,000 | 41.3 | \$6,658,000 |
| 1976 | \$276,000 | 2.0 | \$8,626,000 | 63.2 | \$818,000 | 6.0 | \$1,879,000 | 13.8 | \$2,040,000 | 15.0 | \$13,639,000 |
| 1977 | \$525,000 | 2.4 | \$13,274,000 | 61.8 | \$933,000 | 4.3 | \$772,000 | 3.6 | \$5,991,000 | 27.9 | \$21,495,000 |
| 1978 | \$667,000 | 2.0 | \$26,128,000 | 80.3 | \$1,388,000 | 4.3 | \$2,154,000 | 6.6 | \$2,217,000 | 6.8 | \$32,554,000 |
| 1979 | \$625,000 | 4.3 | \$8,094,000 | 55.2 | \$1,658,000 | 11.3 | \$89,000 | 0.6 | \$4,201,000 | 28.6 | \$14,667,000 |
| 1980 | \$417,000 | 3.2 | \$7,932,000 | 61.6 | \$902,000 | 7.0 | \$2,114,000 | 16.4 | \$1,516,000 | 11.8 | \$12,881,000 |
| 1981 | \$422,000 | 2.6 | \$11,071,000 | 67.9 | \$2,638,000 | 16.2 | \$179,000 | 1.1 | \$2,005,000 | 12.3 | \$16,315,000 |
| 1982 | \$753,000 | 2.1 | \$25,029,000 | 69.0 | \$4,139,000 | 11.4 | \$515,000 | 1.4 | \$5,851,000 | 16.1 | \$36,287,000 |
| 1983 | \$585,000 | 2.0 | \$23,841,000 | 81.5 | \$1,603,000 | 5.5 | \$38,000 | 0.1 | \$3,195,000 | 10.9 | \$29,262,000 |
| 1984 | \$311,990 | 1.8 | \$12,445,633 | 71.8 | \$2,041,480 | 11.8 | \$522,419 | 3.0 | \$2,007,827 | 11.6 | \$17,329,34 |
| 1985 | \$799,173 | 2.3 | \$27,479,840 | 80.0 | \$3,358,083 | 9.8 | \$57,440 | 0.2 | \$2,646,553 | 7.7 | \$34,341,08 |
| 1986 | \$881,356 | 1.9 | \$37,665,832 | 83.3 | \$2,838,881 | 6.3 | \$698,527 | 1.5 | \$3,123,485 | 6.9 | \$45,208,08 |
| 1987 | \$1,609,681 | 1.6 | \$96,331,886 | 94.9 | \$2,368,968 | 2.3 | \$84,547 | 0.1 | \$1,115,477 | 1.1 | \$101,510,55 |
| 1988 | \$1,204,321 | 1.0 | \$111,102,230 | 91.2 | \$4,731,340 | 3.9 | \$6°n 309 | 0.5 | \$4,113,356 | 3.4 | \$121,801,55 |
| 1989 | \$803,494 | 1.4 | \$56,194,753 | 95.0 | \$1,674,393 | 2.8 | \$86,012 | 0.1 | \$415,535 | 0.7 | \$59,174,18 |
| 1990 | \$436,822 | 1.1 | \$35,804,485 | 88.0 | \$2,419,202 | 5.3 | \$512,590 | 1.3 | \$1,495,827 | 3.7 | \$40,668,90 |
| 1991 | \$348,553 | 2.3 | \$12,259,753 | 80.4 | \$1,996,348 | 13.1 | \$5,472 | 0.0 | \$643,392 | 4.2 | \$15,253,51 |
| 1992 | \$634,383 | 0.6 | \$96,038,337 | 96.0 | \$2,262,323 | 2.3 | \$404,990 | 0.4 | \$740,618 | 0.7 | \$100,080,65 |
| 1993 | \$462,819 | 1.5 | \$27,969,409 | 93.6 | \$1,081,175 | 3.6 | \$36,935 | 0.1 | \$322,205 | 1.1 | \$29,872,54 |
| 1994 | \$642,242 | 1.9 | \$29,432,768 | 85.5 | \$3,297,621 | 9.6 | \$240,462 | 0.7 | \$830,857 | 2.4 | \$34,443,95 |
| 1995 | \$474,460 | 2.2 | \$19,179,496 | 87.1 | \$1,295,273 | 5.9 | \$53,056 | 0.2 | \$1,023,479 | 4.6 | \$22,025,76 |

Table 3. Enumeration goals and counts of sockeye salmon in selected streams of Upper Cook Inlet, 1968-1995.

| | Kenai | River | Kasilo | f River | Fish Creek | | |
|------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Year | Enumeration Goal | Enumeration Estimate ¹ | Enumeration Goal | Enumeration Estimate ¹ | Enumeration Goal | Enumeration Estimate ² | |
| 1968 | 0 | 88,000 | 0 . | 93,000 | 0 | 19,616 | |
| 1969 | 150.000 | 53,000 | 75,000 | 46,000 | 0 | 12,456 | |
| 970 | 150,000 | 73,000 | 75,000 | 37,000 | 0 | 25,000 | |
| 1971 | 150,000 | | 75,000 | · | 0 | 31,900 | |
| 1972 | 150,000-250,000 | 318,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 112,000 | 0 | 6,981 | |
| 973 | 150,000-250,000 | 367,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 40,000 | 0 | 2,705 | |
| 1974 | 150,000-250,000 | 161,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 64,000 | 0 | 16,225 | |
| 975 | 150,000-250,000 | 142,000 | 75.000-150.000 | 48,000 | 0 | 29,882 | |
| 1976 | 150,000-250,000 | 380,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 140,000 | 0 | 14,032 | |
| 977 | 150,000-250,000 | 708,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 155,000 | 0 | 5,183 | |
| 978 | 350,000-500,000 | 399,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 117,000 | 0 | 3,555 | |
| 979 | 350,000-500,000 | 285,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 152,000 | 0 | 68,739 | |
| 980 | 350,000-500,000 | 464,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 187,000 | 0 | 62,828 | |
| 981 | 350.000-500.000 | 408,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 257,000 | 0 | 50,479 | |
| 982 | 350,000-500,000 | 620,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 180,000 | 50,000 | 28,164 | |
| 983 | 350,000-500,000 | 630,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 210,000 | 50,000 | 118,797 | |
| 984 | 350,000-500,000 | 345,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 232,000 | 50,000 | 192,352 | |
| 985 | 350,000-500,000 | 501,000 | 75,000-150,000 | 503,000 | 50,000 | 68,577 | |
| 986 | 350,000-500,000 | 501,000 | 150,000-250,000 | 276,000 | 50,000 | 29,800 | |
| 987 | 400,000-700,000 | 1,597,000 | 150,000-250,000 | 249,000 | 50,000 | 91,215 | |
| 988 | 400,000-700,000 | 1,021,500 | 150,000-250,000 | 202,000 | 50,000 | 71,603 | |
| 989 | 400,000-700,000 | 1,599,959 | 150,000-250,000 | 158,206 | 50,000 | 67,224 | |
| 990 | 400,000-700,000 | 658,908 | 150,000-250,000 | 144,289 | 50,000 | 50,000 | |
| 991 | 400,000-700,000 | 645,000 | 150,000-250,000 | 238,000 | 50,000 | 50,500 | |
| 992 | 400,000-700,000 | 994,760 | 150,000-250,000 | 183,178 | 50,000 | 71,385 | |
| 993 | 400,000-700,000 | 813,617 | 150,000-250,000 | 149,939 | 50,000 | 117,619 | |
| 994 | 400.000-700,000 | 1,003,446 | 150,000-250,000 | 205,117 | 50,000 | 95,107 | |
| 995 | 450,000-700,000 | 628,760 | 150,000-250,000 | 205,902 | 50,000 | 115,000 | |

| | Susitna | River | Crescent | River | Packers Creek | | |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Year | Enumeration Goal | Enumeration Estimate ¹ | Enumeration Goal | Enumeration Estimate ¹ | Enumeration Goal | Enumeration Estimate ² | |
| 1978 | 200,000 | 94,000 | 0 | N/C | 0 | N/C | |
| 1979 | 200,000 | 157,000 | 50,000 | 87,000 | 0 | N/C | |
| 1980 | 200,000 | 191,000 | 50,000 | 91,000 | 0 | 16,477 | |
| 1981 - | 200,000 | 340,000 | 50,000 | 41,000 | 0 | 13,024 | |
| 1982 | 200,000 | 216,0003 | 50,000 | 59,000 | 0 | 15,687 | |
| 1983 | 200,000 | 112,0004 | 50,000 | 92,000 | 0 | 18,403 | |
| 1984 | 200,000 | 194,000 | 50,000 | 118,000 | 0 | 30,684 | |
| 1985 | 200,000 | 228,000 | 50,000 | 129,000 | 0 | 36,850 | |
| 1986 | 100,000-150,000 | 92,0004 | 50,000-100,000 | N/A | 0 | 29,604 | |
| 1987 | 100,000-150,000 | 66,000 | 50,000-100,000 | 119,000 | 0 | 35,401 | |
| 1988 | 100,000-150,000 | 52,347 | 50,000-100,000 | 57,716 | 15,000-25,000 | 18,607 | |
| 1989 | 100,000-150,000 | 96,269 | 50,000-100,000 | 71,064 | 15,000-25,000 | 22,304 | |
| 1990 | 100,000-150,000 | 140,379 | 50,000-100,000 | 52,180 | 15,000-25,000 | 31,868 | |
| 1991 | 100,000-150,000 | 105,000 | 50,000-100,000 | 44,500 | 15,000-25,000 | 41.275 | |
| 1992 | 100,000-150,000 | 66,057 | 50,000-100,000 | 58,227 | 15,000-25,000 | 28.361 | |
| 1993 | 100,000-150,000 | 141,694 | 50,000-100,000 | 37,556 | 15,000-25,000 | 40,869 | |
| 1994 | 100,000-150,000 | 128,032 | 50,000-100,000 | 30,355 | 15,000-25,000 | 30,788 | |
| 1995 | 100,000-150,000 | 121,479 | 50,000-100,000 | 52,250 | 15,000-25,000 | 29,473 | |

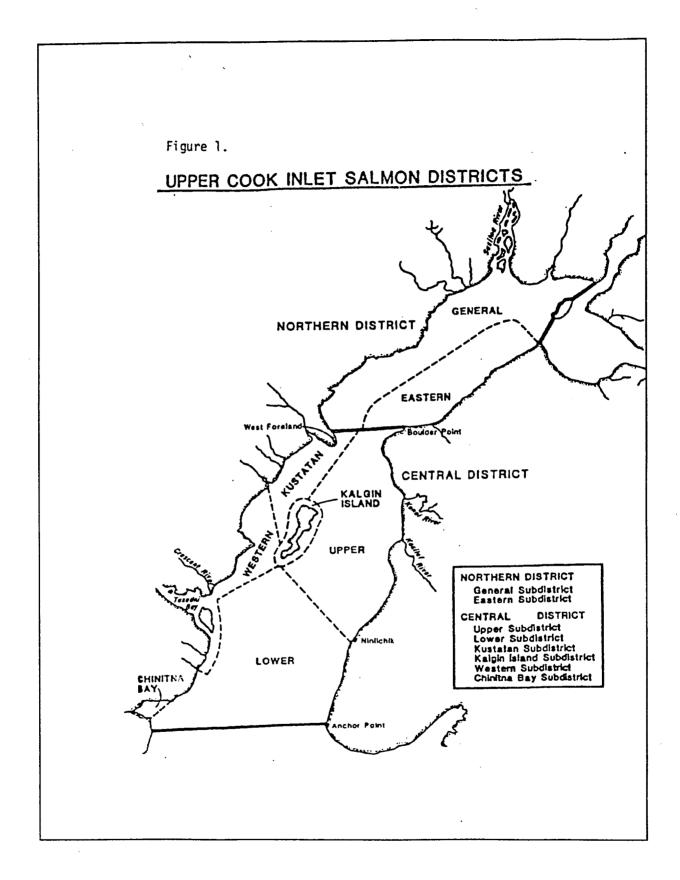
Derived from sonar counters unless otherwise noted.

Weir counts.

Poor field conditions make this a minimum estimate: mark/recapture estimate from Su-Hydro studies was 265,000.

Minimum estimate. Combining Yentna sonar with Sunshine Station mark/recapture estimate yields 176,000.

Yentna River sonar count combined with Sunshine Station mark/recapture estimate.



Appendix A.1. Upper Cook Inlet commercial chinook salmon harvest by gear type and area, 1966-1995.

| | | Central District Set Gill Net | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------|------|--------|--|
| | Central District Drift Gill Net | | East | Side | Kalgin/We | st Side | Northern District Set Gill Net | | | |
| Year | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | Total | |
| 1966 | 392 | 4.6 | 7,329 | 85.8 | 401 | 4.7 | 422 | 4.9 | 8,544 | |
| 1967 | 489 | 6.3 | 6,646 | 85.0 | 500 | 6.4 | 184 | 2.4 | 7,819 | |
| 1968 | 182 | 4.0 | 3,304 | 72.8 | 579 | 12.8 | 471 | 10.4 | 4,536 | |
| 1969 | 362 | 2.9 | 5,834 | 47.1 | 3,286 | 26.5 | 2,904 | 23.4 | 12,386 | |
| 1970 | 367 | 4.4 | 5,366 | 64.3 | 1,152 | 13.8 | 1,460 | 17.5 | 8,345 | |
| 1971 | 237 | 1.2 | 7,055 | 35.7 | 2,875 | 14.5 | 9,598 | 48.6 | 19,765 | |
| 1972 | 375 | 2.3 | 8,599 | 53.5 | 2,199 | 13.7 | 4,913 | 30.5 | 16,086 | |
| 1973 | 244 | 4.7 | 4,411 | 84.9 | 369 | 7.1 | 170 | 3.3 | 5,194 | |
| 1974 | 422 | 6.4 | 5,571 | 84.5 | 434 | 6.6 | 169 | 2.6 | 6,596 | |
| 1975 | 250 | 5.2 | 3,675 | 76.8 | 733 | 15.3 | 129 | 2.7 | 4,787 | |
| 1976 | 690 | 6.4 | 8,249 | 75.9 | 1,469 | 13.5 | 457 | 4.2 | 10,865 | |
| 1977 | 3,411 | 23.1 | 9,732 | 65.8 | 1,084 | 7.3 | 565 | 3.8 | 14,792 | |
| 1978 | 2,072 | 12.0 | 12,468 | 72.1 | 2,093 | 12.1 | 666 | 3.8 | 17,299 | |
| 1979 | 1,089 | 7.9 | 8,671 | 63.1 | 2,264 | 16.5 | 1,714 | 12.5 | 13,738 | |
| 1980 | 889 | 6.4 | 9,643 | 69.9 | 2,273 | 16.5 | 993 | 7.2 | 13,798 | |
| 1981 | 2,320 | 19.0 | 8,358 | 68.3 | 837 | 6.8 | 725 | 5.9 | 12,240 | |
| 1982 | 1,293 | 6.2 | 13,658 | 65.4 | 3,203 | 15.3 | 2,716 | 13.0 | 20,870 | |
| 1983 | 1,125 | 5.5 | 15,043 | 72.9 | 3,534 | 17.1 | 933 | 4.5 | 20,635 | |
| 1984 | 1,377 | 13.7 | 6,165 | 61.3 | 1,516 | 15.1 | 1,004 | 10.0 | 10,062 | |
| 1985 | 2,048 | 8.5 | 17,723 | 73.6 | 2,427 | 10.1 | 1,890 | 7.8 | 24,088 | |
| 1986 | 1,834 | 4.7 | 19,810 | 50.5 | 2,108 | 5.4 | 15,488 | 39.5 | 39,240 | |
| 1987 | 4,552 | 11.5 | 21,379 | 53.9 | 1,029 | 2.6 | 12,701 | 32.0 | 39,661 | |
| 1988 | 2,217 | 7.6 | 12,870 | 44.3 | 1,137 | 3.9 | 12,836 | 44.2 | 29,050 | |
| 1989 | 0 | 0.0 | 10,919 | 40.8 | 3,092 | 11.6 | 12,731 | 47.6 | 26,742 | |
| 1990 | 621 | 3.9 | 4,139 | 25 .7 | 1,763 | 10.9 | 9,582 | 59.5 | 16,105 | |
| 1991 | 241 | 1.8 | 4,891 | 36.1 | 1,544 | 11.4 | 6,859 | 50.7 | 13,535 | |
| 1992 | 615 | 3.6 | 10,718 | 62.4 | 1,284 | 7.5 | 4,554 | 26.5 | 17,171 | |
| 1993 | 746 | 4.0 | 13,977 | 74.7 | 719 | 3.8 | 3,277 | 17.5 | 18,719 | |
| 1994 | 460 | 2.3 | 15,885 | 78.4 | 730 | 3.6 | 3,185 | 15.7 | 20,260 | |
| 1995 | 594 | 3.3 | 12,032 | 67.4 | 1,101 | 6.2 | 4,130 | 23.1 | 17,857 | |
| *Average | 1,087 | 6.8 | 9,766 | 61.0 | 1,539 | 9.6 | 3,610 | 22.6 | 16,002 | |

^{*} Does not include 1989.

Appendix A.2. Upper Cook Inlet commercial sockeye salmon harvest by gear type and area, 1966-1995.

| | | | Centr | | | | | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|------|----------------------|------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| | Central District Drift Gill Net | | East | Side | Kalgin/We | est Side | Northern I Set Gil | | |
| Year | Number | ક | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | Number | ક | Tota1 |
| 1966 | 1,103,261 | 59.6 | 485,330 | 26.2 | 132,443 | 7.2 | 131,080 | 7.1 | 1,852,114 |
| 1967 | 890,152 | 64.6 | 303,858 | 22.0 | 66,414 | 4.8 | 118,065 | 8.6 | 1,378,489 |
| 1968 | 561,737 | 50.8 | 317,535 | 28.7 | 85,049 | 7.7 | 140,575 | 12.7 | 1,104,896 |
| 1969 | 371,747 | 53.7 | 210,834 | 30.5 | 71,184 | 10.3 | 38,050 | 5.5 | 691,815 |
| 1970 | 460,690 | 62.9 | 142,701 | 19.5 | 62,723 | 8.6 | 66,458 | 9.1 | 732,572 |
| 1971 | 423,107 | 66.5 | 111,505 | 17.5 | 61,144 | 9.6 | 40,533 | 6.4 | 636,289 |
| 1972 | 506,281 | 57.5 | 204,599 | 23.3 | 83,176 | 9.5 | 85,755 | 9.7 | 879,811 |
| 1973 | 375,695 | 56.1 | 188,816 | 28.2 | 59,973 | 8.9 | 45,614 | 6.8 | 670,098 |
| 1974 | 265,771 | 53.5 | 136,889 | 27.5 | 52,962 | 10.7 | 41,563 | 8.4 | 497,185 |
| 1975 | 368,124 | 53.8 | 177,336 | 25.9 | 73,765 | 10.8 | 65,526 | 9.6 | 684,751 |
| 1976 | 1,055,786 | 63.4 | 476,376 | 28.6 | 62,338 | 3.7 | 69,649 | 4.2 | 1,664,149 |
| 1977 | 1,073,098 | 52.3 | 751,178 | 36.6 | 104,265 | 5.1 | 123,780 | 6.0 | 2,052,321 |
| 1978 | 1,803,479 | 68.8 | 660,797 | 25.2 | 105,767 | 4.0 | 51,378 | 2.0 | 2,621,421 |
| 1979 | 454,707 | 49.1 | 248,359 | 26.8 | 108,422 | 11.7 | 113,918 | 12.3 | 925,406 |
| 1980 | 770,247 | 48.9 | 559,812 | 35.6 | 137,882 | 8.8 | 105,647 | 6.7 | 1,573,588 |
| 1981 | 633,380 | 44.0 | 496,003 | 34.5 | 60,217 | 4.2 | 249,662 | 17.3 | 1,439,262 |
| | | 64.5 | | 29.8 | 66,952 | 2.1 | 118,060 | 3.6 | 3,259,864 |
| 1982 | 2,103,429 | 63.8 | 971,423 1,508,511 | 29.9 | 134,575 | 2.7 | 184,219 | 3.6 | 5,049,733 |
| 1983 | 3,222,428 1,235,337 | 58.6 | 490,273 | 23.3 | 162,139 | 7.7 | 218,965 | 10.4 | 2,106,714 |
| 1984 | | 50.1 | | 38.4 | 285,081 | 7.0 | 181,191 | 4.5 | 4,060,429 |
| 1985 | 2,032,957 | 59.2 | 1,561,200 | | | 3.2 | 141,830 | | |
| 1986 | 2,834,534 | 59.2 | 1,657,904 | 34.6 | 153,714 | 2.2 | 164,602 | 3.0 1.7 | 4,787,982 9,500,186 |
| 1987 | 5,631,746 | | 3,495,802 | 36.8 | 208,036 | | | | |
| 1988 | 4,129,878 | 60.4 | 2,428,597 | 35.5 | 146,154 | 2.1 | 129,713 | 1.9 | 6,834,342 |
| 1989 | 3 | 0.0 | 4,543,066 | 90.7 | 186,828 | 3.7 | 280,801 | 5:6 | 5,010,698 |
| 1990 | 2,305,742 | 64.0 | 1,116,975 | 31.0 | 84,949 | 2.4 | 96,398 | 2.7 | 3,604,064 |
| 1991 | 1,117,514 | 51.3 | 844,156 | 38.8 | 99,705 | 4.6 | 116,201 | 5.3 | 2,177,576 |
| 1992 | 6,069,495 | 66.6 | 2,838,076 | 31.2 | 131,291 | 1.4 | 69,478 | 0.8 | 9,108,340 |
| 1993 | 2,558,492 | 53.8 | 1,941,706 | 40.8 | 108,181 | 2.3 | 146,319 | 3.1 | 4,754,698 |
| 1994 | 1,878,463 | 52.7 | 1,482,957 | 41.6 | 85,830 | 2.4 | 120,142 | . 3.4 | 3,567,392 |
| 1995 | 1,773,873 | 60.3 | 961,216 | 32.7 | 96,735 | 3.3 | 109,098 | 3.7 | 2,940,922 |
| *Average | 1,655,557 | 57.6 | 923,128 | 33.5 | 106,588 | 5.9 | 113,223 | 6.4 | 2,798,497 |

^{*} Does not include 1989.

Appendix A.3. Upper Cook Inlet commercial coho salmon harvest by gear type and area, 1966-1995.

| | | | Centr | al Distri | ct Set Gill N | let | | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|------|---------|-----------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------|---------|
| | Central District Drift Gill Net | | East | Side | Kalgin/We | st Side | Northern District Set Gill Net | | |
| Year | Number | 8 | Number | * | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | Total |
| 1966 | 80,901 | 27.9 | 68,877 | 23.8 | 59,509 | 20.5 | 80,550 | 27.8 | 289,837 |
| 1967 | 53,071 | 29.9 | 40,738 | 22.9 | 40,066 | 22.5 | 43,854 | 24.7 | 177,729 |
| 1968 | 167,383 | 35.8 | 80,828 | 17.3 | 63,301 | 13.5 | 156,648 | 33.5 | 468,160 |
| 1969 | 33,053 | 32.8 | 18,988 | 18.9 | 28,231 | 28.0 | 20,425 | 20.3 | 100,697 |
| 1970 | 114,070 | 40.9 | 30,114 | 10.8 | 52,299 | 18.7 | 82,722 | 29.6 | 279,205 |
| 1971 | 35,491 | 35.4 | 16,589 | 16.5 | 26,188 | 26.1 | 22,094 | 22.0 | 100,362 |
| 1972 | 21,577 | 26.7 | 24,673 | 30.5 | 15,300 | 18.9 | 19,346 | 23.9 | 80,896 |
| 1973 | 31,784 | 30.4 | 23,901 | 22.9 | 24,784 | 23.7 | 23,951 | 22.9 | 104,420 |
| 1974 | 75,640 | 37.8 | 36,837 | 18.4 | 40,610 | 20.3 | 47,038 | 23.5 | 200,129 |
| 1975 | 88,579 | 40.0 | 46,209 | 20.9 | 53,537 | 24.2 | 33,051 | 14.9 | 221,376 |
| 1976 | 80,712 | 38.7 | 47,873 | 22.9 | 42,243 | 20.2 | 37,835 | 18.1 | 208,663 |
| 1977 | 110,184 | 57.2 | 23,693 | 12.3 | 38,093 | 19.8 | 20,623 | 10.7 | 192,593 |
| 1978 | 76,259 | 34.8 | 34,134 | 15.6 | 61,711 | 28.2 | 47,089 | 21.5 | 219,193 |
| 1979 | 114,496 | 43.2 | 29,284 | 11.0 | 68,306 | 25.8 | 53,078 | 20.0 | 265,164 |
| 1980 | 89,510 | 33.0 | 40,281 | 14.8 | 51,527 | 19.0 | 90,098 | 33.2 | 271,41 |
| 1981 | 226,366 | 46.6 | 36,024 | 7.4 | 88,390 | 18.2 | 134,625 | 27.7 | 485,40 |
| 1982 | 416,274 | 52.5 | 108,393 | 13.7 | 182,205 | 23.0 | 85,352 | 10.8 | 792,22 |
| 1983 | 326,965 | 63.3 | 37,694 | 7.3 | 97,796 | 18.9 | 53,867 | 10.4 | 516,32 |
| 1984 | 213,423 | 47.4 | 37,166 | 8.3 | 84,618 | 18.8 | 114,786 | 25.5 | 449,99 |
| 1985 | 357,388 | 53.6 | 70,657 | 10.6 | 147,331 | 22.1 | 91,837 | 13.8 | 667,21 |
| 1986 | 506,405 | 66.9 | 76,385 | 10.1 | 85,932 | 11.4 | 88,108 | 11.6 | 756,83 |
| 1987 | 202,306 | 44.8 | 74,977 | 16.6 | 74,930 | 16.6 | 98,920 | 21.9 | 451,40 |
| 1988 | 277,703 | 49.6 | 55,419 | 9.9 | 77,058 | 13.8 | 149,742 | 26.7 | 560,02 |
| 1989 | 743 | 0.2 | 81,744 | 24.1 | 81,004 | 23.9 | 175,710 | 51.8 | 339,20 |
| 1990 | 247,453 | 49.4 | 40,351 | 8.1 | 73,429 | 14.7 | 139,401 | 27.8 | 500,63 |
| 1991 | 175,504 | 41.2 | 30,435 | 7.1 | 87,515 | 20.6 | 132,270 | 31.1 | 425,72 |
| 1992 | 267,300 | 57.0 | 57,078 | 12.2 | 53,400 | 11.4 | 91,133 | 19.4 | 468,91 |
| 1993 | 121,828 | 39.7 | 43,075 | 14.0 | 35,661 | 11.6 | 106,258 | 34.6 | 306,82 |
| 1994 | 306,217 | 52.7 | 69,281 | 11.9 | 61,005 | 10.5 | 144,064 | 24.8 | 580,56 |
| 1995 | 241,473 | 54.0 | 44,750 | 10.0 | 71,431 | 16.0 | 89,300 | 20.0 | 446,95 |
| Average | 174,459 | 47.8 | 46,369 | 12.7 | 65,048 | 17.8 | 79,244 | 21.7 | 365,133 |

^{*} Does not include 1989.

Appendix A.4. Upper Cook Inlet commercial pink salmon harvest by gear type and area, 1966-1995.

| | | Central District Set Gill Net | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|------|----------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| | | Central District Drift Gill Net | | Side | Kalgin/W | est Side | | Northern District Set Gill Net | | | | |
| Year | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | Total | | | |
| 1966 | 593,654 | 29.6 | 969,624 | 48.3 | 70,507 | 3.5 | 371,960 | 18.5 | 2,005,745 | | | |
| 1967 | 7,475 | 23.3 | 12,900 | 40.2 | 3,256 | 10.1 | 8,460 | 26.4 | 32,091 | | | |
| 1968 | 880,512 | 38.7 | 785,887 | 34.5 | 75,755 | 3.3 | 534,839 | 23.5 | 2,276,993 | | | |
| 1969 | 8,233 | 25.3 | 10,968 | 33.7 | 5,711 | 17.6 | 7,587 | 23.3 | 32,499 | | | |
| 1970 | 334,737 | 41.1 | 281,067 | 34.5 | 24,763 | 3.0 | 174,193 | 21.4 | 814,760 | | | |
| 1971 | 6,433 | 18.1 | 18,097 | 50.8 | 2,637 | 7.4 | 8,423 | 23.7 | 35,590 | | | |
| 1972 | 115,117 | 18.3 | 403,706 | 64.2 | 18,913 | 3.0 | 90,830 | 14.5 | 628,566 | | | |
| 1973 | 91,901 | 28.2 | 80,596 | 24.7 | 16,437 | 5.0 | 137,250 | 42.1 | 326,184 | | | |
| 1974 | 140,432 | 29.0 | 291,408 | 60.2 | 9,014 | 1.9 | 42,876 | 8.9 | 483,730 | | | |
| 1975 | 113,868 | 33.9 | 112,423 | 33.4 | 19,086 | 5.7 | 90,953 | 27.0 | 336,330 | | | |
| 1976 | 599,594 | 47.7 | 479,024 | 38.1 | 30,030 | 2.4 | 148,080 | 11.8 | 1,256,728 | | | |
| 1977 | 286,308 | 51.7 | 125,817 | 22.7 | 25,212 | 4.6 | 116,518 | 21.0 | 553,855 | | | |
| 1978 | 934,442 | 55.3 | 372,601 | 22.1 | 54,785 | 3.2 | 326,614 | 19.3 | 1,688,442 | | | |
| 1979 | 19,554 | 26.8 | 19,983 | 27.4 | 7,061 | 9.7 | 26,382 | 36.1 | 72,980 | | | |
| 1980 | 964,526 | 54.0 | 299,444 | 16.8 | 47,963 | 2.7 | 474,488 | 26.6 | 1,786,421 | | | |
| 1981 | 53,888 | 42.4 | 15,654 | 12.3 | 4,276 | 3.4 | 53,325 | 41.9 | 127,143 | | | |
| 1982 | 270,380 | 34.2 | 432,715 | 54.7 | 14,242 | 1.8 | 73,307 | 9.3 | 790,644 | | | |
| 1983 | 26,629 | 37.9 | 18,309 | 26.0 | 3,785 | 5.4 | 21,604 | 30.7 | 70,327 | | | |
| 1984 | 273,565 | 44.3 | 220,895 | 35.8 | 16,708 | 2.7 | 106,284 | 17.2 | 617,452 | | | |
| 1985 | 34,228 | 39.0 | 17,715 | 20.2 | 5,653 | 6.4 | 30,232 | 34.4 | 87,828 | | | |
| 1986 | 614,453 | 47.3 | 530,445 | 40.8 | 15,460 | 1.2 | 139,002 | 10.7 | 1,299,360 | | | |
| 1987 | 38,660 | 35.2 | 47,707 | 43.4 | 5,229 | 4.8 | 18,205 | 16.6 | 109,801 | | | |
| 1988 | 226,776 | 48.3 | 179,092 | 38.1 | 9,890 | 2.1 | 54,210 | 11.5 | 469,968 | | | |
| 1989 | 220,770 | 0.0 | 37,971 | 56.3 | 5,580 | 8.3 | 23,878 | 35.4 | 67,430 | | | |
| 1990 | 323,955 | 53.7 | 225,429 | 37.3 | 10,302 | 1.7 | 43,944 | 7.3 | 603,630 | | | |
| 1991 | 5,791 | 39.5 | 2,670 | 18.2 | 1,049 | 7.2 | 5,153 | 35.1 | 14,663 | | | |
| 1992 | 423,738 | 60.9 | 244,068 | 35.1 | 4,248 | 0.6 | 23,805 | 3.4 | 695,859 | | | |
| 1993 | 46,457 | 46.0 | 41,674 | 41.3 | 2,313 | 2.3 | 10,468 | 10.4 | 100,918 | | | |
| 1994 | 251,602 | 48.3 | 236,582 | 45.5 | 3,116 | 0.6 | 29,181 | 5.6 | 520,481 | | | |
| 1995 | 64,632 | 48.4 | 53,420 | 40.0 | 3,810 | 2.9 | 11,713 | 8.8 | 133,575 | | | |
| *Average | 267,294 | 43.1 | 225,170 | 36.3 | 17,628 | 2.8 | 109,651 | 17.7 | 619,744 | | | |

^{*} Does not include 1989.

Appendix A.5. Upper Cook Inlet commercial chum salmon harvest by gear type and area, 1966-1995.

| | | | Centi | ral Dis | trict | Set Gill | | | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|------|--------|---------|-------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| | Central District Drift Gill Net | | East | Side | | Kalgin/W | West Side | Northern Set Gi | | |
| Year | Number | 8 | Number | 8 | | Number | 8 | Number | 8 . | Total |
| 1966 | 424,972 | 79.8 | 7,461 | 1.4 | | 64,725 | 12.1 | 35,598 | 6.7 | 532,756 |
| 1967 | 233,041 | 78.5 | 399 | 0.1 | | 25,013 | 8.4 | 38,384 | 12.9 | 296,837 |
| 1968 | 1,022,900 | 90.7 | 1,563 | 0.1 | | 44,986 | 4.0 | 58,454 | 5.2 | 1,127,903 |
| 1969 | 238,497 | 89.1 | 399 | 0.1 | | 16,954 | 6.3 | 11,836 | 4.4 | 267,686 |
| 1970 | 678,448 | 90.4 | 1,228 | 0.2 | | 48,591 | 6.5 | 22,507 | 3.0 | 750,774 |
| 1971 | 274,567 | 84.8 | 128 | 0.0 | | 32,647 | 10.1 | 16,603 | 5.1 | 323,945 |
| 1972 | 564,726 | 90.2 | 1,727 | 0.3 | | 40,179 | 6.4 | 19,780 | 3.2 | 626,412 |
| 1973 | 605,738 | 90.7 | 1,965 | 0.3 | | 29,019 | 4.3 | 30,851 | 4.6 ` | 667,573 |
| 1974 | 344,496 | 86.8 | 506 | 0.1 | | 15,346 | 3.9 | 36,492 | 9.2 | 396,840 |
| 1975 | 886,474 | 93.2 | 980 | 0.1 | | 33,347 | 3.5 | 30,787 | 3.2 | 951,588 |
| 1976 | 405,769 | 86.5 | 1,484 | 0.3 | | 47,882 | 10.2 | 14,045 | 3.0 | 469,180 |
| 1977 | 1,153,454 | 93.5 | 1,413 | 0.1 | | 54,708 | 4.4 | 23,861 | 1.9 | 1,233,436 |
| 1978 | 489,119 | 85.5 | 4,563 | 0.8 | | 40,946 | 7.2 | 37,151 | 6.5 | 571,779 |
| 1979 | 609,239 | 93.8 | 867 | 0.1 | | 30,342 | 4.7 | 9,310 | 1.4 | 649,758 |
| 1980 | 339,970 | 87.7 | 2,147 | 0.6 | | 28,970 | 7.5 | 16,728 | 4.3 | 387,815 |
| 1981 | 756,922 | 91.0 | 2,386 | 0.3 | | 26,461 | 3.2 | 46,208 | 5.6 | 831,977 |
| 1982 | 1,348,510 | 94.1 | 4,777 | 0.3 | | 36,647 | 2.6 | 43,006 | 3.0 | 1,432,940 |
| 1983 | 1,044,636 | 93.7 | 2,822 | 0.3 | | 38,079 | 3.4 | 29,321 | 2.6 | 1,114,858 |
| 1984 | 568,097 | 83.5 | 3,695 | 0.5 | | 34,207 | 5.0 | 74,727 | 11.0 | 680,726 |
| 1985 | 700,848 | 90.7 | 4,133 | 0.5 | | 31,746 | 4.1 | 36,122 | 4.7 | 772,849 |
| 1986 | 1,012,028 | 89.2 | 7,027 | 0.6 | | 39,078 | 3.4 | 76,040 | 6.7 | 1,134,173 |
| 1987 | 211,580 | 60.6 | 16,608 | 4.8 | | 53,558 | 15.3 | 67,180 | 19.3 | 348,926 |
| 1988 | 580,650 | 81.9 | 11,841 | 1.7 | | 40,354 | 5.7 | 75,728 | 10.7 | 708,573 |
| 1989 | 72 | 0.1 | 12,302 | 10.1 | | 27,705 | 22.7 | 81,948 | 67.2 | 122,027 |
| 1990 | 289,521 | 82.4 | 4,611 | 1.3 | | 21,355 | 6.1 | 35,710 | 10.2 | 351,197 |
| 1991 | 215,469 | 76.9 | 2,387 | 0.9 | | 22,974 | 8.2 | 39,393 | 14.1 | 280,223 |
| 1992 | 232,955 | 84.9 | 2,867 | 1.0 | | 13,180 | 4.8 | 25,301 | 9.2 | 274,303 |
| 1993 | 88,823 | 72.4 | 2,977 | 2.4 | | 5,566 | 4.5 | 25,401 | 20.7 | 122,767 |
| 1994 | 245,854 | 82.1 | 2,944 | 1.0 | | 10,443 | 3.5 | 40,059 | 13.4 | 299,300 |
| 1995 | 468,224 | 88.4 | 3,711 | 0.7 | | 13,820 | 2.6 | 43,667 | 8.2 | 529,422 |
| *Average | 542,966 | 88.5 | 3,276 | 0.5 | | 31,716 | 5.2 | 35,329 | 5.8 | 613,287 |

^{*} Does not include 1989.